



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Indigency has been a persistent social problem
3 throughout history and has reached an intolerable level
4 throughout our country; and

5 WHEREAS, People in urban, suburban, and rural areas of
6 Illinois experience indigency, proving that it is not just a
7 big city problem; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year sees an increase in the number of deaths
9 among those who lack funds to provide the barest essentials of
10 life; and

11 WHEREAS, Bitter cold winters and extremely hot summers have
12 cost the lives of those individuals who simply could not afford
13 heating or air coolants and died from exposure; and

14 WHEREAS, In remembering those who have died, we must reach
15 out to help those in need; the extent to which our society can
16 counter the effects of indigency is a good measure of its
17 humaneness; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 proclaim Wednesday, May, 26, 2004, as "We Remember, We Care for
21 Indigent Persons Day in Illinois", and that we urge all
22 citizens to observe, inform themselves of, and support efforts
23 to care for the indigent; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to W. Earl Lewis, Director of the Memorial Ministry
26 of Indigent Persons.